

Emmanuel "Manny" Ohonme is the Co-Founder, President and CEO of Samaritan's Feet International, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that shares hope with those in need by washing their feet, giving them a new pair of shoes, and helping them to believe that dreams can come true. Manny is also the Founder and Chairman of World Shoe, Inc. a multinational social enterprise shoe manufacturer, producing innovative footwear in Africa for global retail markets and humanitarian requirements. His social enterprise is dedicated to the vision that high-quality, low-cost footwear can unleash human potential, promote global health, and protect the environment.

To walk in Manny Ohonme's shoes requires first imagining life without shoes. Like the 600 million people worldwide today who don't own shoes, Manny grew up in Lagos, Nigeria without many of the basic necessities that create the opportunity to escape poverty and hardship.

A new world of possibility opened for him at the age of nine when a chance encounter with a missionary gave him the opportunity to win his first pair of tennis shoes in a basketball competition. From a childhood spent selling water and soft drinks on the streets of Lagos, Manny's new shoes put him on an unlikely path to earning a university scholarship in the United States to play basketball and building a prominent career in tech and global business.

Manny has leveraged his success and unique perspective to drive social impact on a visionary scale. In 2003, he founded Samaritan's Feet International with his wife, Tracie, as a way to give individuals in need that same opportunity for lifechange, by providing them with new shoes and a message of hope. To date, Samaritan's Feet has impacted the lives of over 11 million pe...

Testimonials

Manny's charisma, infectious personality, and giving heart are as large as the number of people he is touching around the world through his Samaritan's Feet International. Our audience was truly touched and actually made the commitment that morning, after his inspirational presentation, to host events in Memphis. We have already hosted two, washing the feet and providing new socks and shoes to over 600 kids in our community. Manny is a catalyst that can light up a room and set fire to hearts, creating a movement! He is a perfect example of how one person can lead by example and start a movement that touches millions by acting locally yet thinking globally.

- Director of the Lipscomb Pitts Breakfast Club.

Having devoted much of his life to the causes of philanthropy, Manny's vibrant spirit and giving heart are an inspiration to all those blessed enough to know him. He is a leader of change, communicating his passions and good doings to those around him while simultaneously encouraging others to share his cross. Without Manny, Samaritan's Feet International would be without one of its greatest advocates and champions. I continue to be impressed with his gift to communicate his passion and love and with his ability to transform and ignite others in the room.

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Speech Topics

- Sports
- Overcoming Adversity
- Motivation
- Leadership
- Inspiration
- Inclusion

